

# FORWARD

FOR YOUR FAMILY. FOR OUR FUTURE.

INITIATIVE Q1 UPDATE · JULY 2026

## FROM PASTOR BRYAN

Beginning in January we set out a challenge for one hundred percent of our Connection family to join together with great faith in the Forward generosity initiative. We believed that if we would seek God in this season, we would come out on the other side with greater faith and maturity, and that Connection would greatly expand her impact in our community and our world.

How'd it go? **You've made history, Connection!** Forward officially began on Sunday, April 12th, and it was the greatest level of commitment we've ever seen in our twenty-six years as a church body. This is worth celebrating and giving thanks to God for.

I'm so excited for you, for what's already happening in your life and what I know God will do in and through you

because of what you are doing. You are growing in faith, patience, maturity and generosity. God's blessing is on your life as you experience the joy of giving out of your love for God and other people. And I'm excited to see the first steps of Forward taking place on our campus. You can read more about what's already happening through the rest of this letter.

Connection, we're off to a good start. Keep in mind: the impact of Forward is just beginning to unfold. Keep praying and watching as God continues to work in you, in our church, in our community, and even the world.

God bless,  
Bryan

## FORWARD MILESTONES

### FORWARD QUARTER ONE

|                        |               |                    |                    |                          |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>66</b>              | <b>8</b>      | <b>955</b>         | <b>\$1,800,783</b> | <b>\$375,550</b>         |
| FORWARD<br>COMMITMENTS | NEW<br>GIVERS | TOTAL<br>DONATIONS | TOTAL<br>COMMITTED | RECEIVED BY<br>JULY 12TH |

Received by  
July 12th:  
\$375,550

2-Year  
Goal Total:  
\$2 Million

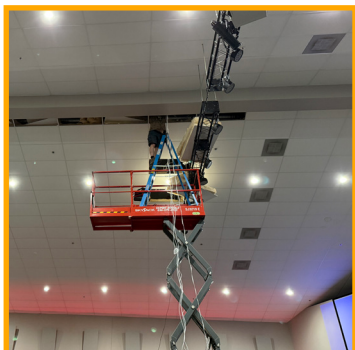


# FORWARD PROGRESS

## INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

Forward is helping us prepare our campus and strengthen key areas of ministry so we can better serve families and reach more people with the hope of Jesus. Here are some of the initiatives currently underway.

- Campus beautification projects
- Worship Center carpets cleaned
- Storage improvements completed
- Exterior restoration planning
- Next Gen Pastor search



## INVESTING IN THE NEXT GENERATION

One of the most significant opportunities created through **Forward** is the future addition of a full-time **Next Gen Pastor**. This leader will provide dedicated care and leadership for our children, students, and the parents raising them, helping us live out our vision of being **For Your Family**.

We're not simply filling a position—we're making a long-term investment in the next generation of families who will call Connection home. As we continue to steward Forward resources wisely, we are prayerfully laying the foundation for this role so it can serve our church for years to come.

We're also beginning to prepare our Next Gen ministries for this exciting future, trusting that God is using your generosity today to shape the next chapter of ministry at Connection.



# KINGDOM IMPACT

## CELEBRATING WHAT GOD IS DOING

As we continue moving Forward together, God continues to work through the people and ministries of Connection. Here are a few ways we've seen His faithfulness this quarter: baptisms, a new worship pastor, a diaper and supply drive, a student worship concert, and a mission trip to Honduras.

